RECLAIM THE STREETS

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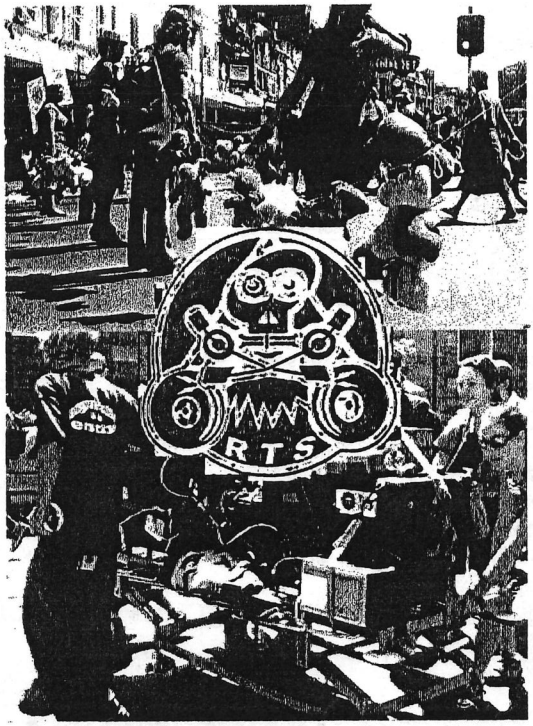

TRANSNATIONAL CAPITAL/PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC SPACE/FREE MOVEMENT FOR PEOPLE/ AND OIL.....

Reclaim the streets

The first reclaim the streets actions started in the UK in the late 90's and grew out of an interbreeding of the rave/dance party and environmental justice scenes. Reclaim the streets parties take place all over the world, kids dance on the roads in Delhi, Warsaw, San Francisco, Sydney, and Berlin.....and lotsa other places..... **any one can do a reclaim the streets.**

a combination dance party and blockade, direct action and community social event. It's a form of protest full of colour and sound that encourages direct participation through a 'do it yourself' ethos.

an autonomous network: people who use the RTS tactic in different parts of the world may know of each other and share stories but we function independently. this is also pretty much true of each RTS collective, its more of a web of people taking part than a consolidated organization.

RTS draws links between car culture/oil dependency, environmental destruction and the increasing privatisation of public space. More and more of our human rights to occupy space are being eroded to make way for roads, our cities designed only for shopping, driving, and working to earn money to consume more stuff. Our movements and the physical spaces in which we conduct our lives are being made subservient to capitalist consumerism.

As we find ourselves in a state of global warfare in which greedy nations fight to gain control of further oil reserves, we note the free movement and power which Transnational capital so blatantly exercises. This goes on while ordinary people are forced into ever narrower lives; as borders are tightened so that people are unable to flee even to save their own lives and are imprisoned for trying to do so. This is a time in which governments encourage racism and fear, creating divisions between people as a tool of control. This is a teriritorial take over.... of your life! It's is a media head job. Fight the corporate soul fuck.

TAKE TO THE STREETS ! RECLAIM YOUR LIFE!

RTS

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JOIN..... THE..... DOTS

This is a state of global war - a state of global emergency -a state of global environmental destruction-A state of corruption - the state of it -be alarmed - fuck the state- take action - do small stuff - do big stuff - make contact with other people -figure out what's most important to you - what area do you feel you need to take action on - Do it - it makes a difference - this is a shifting state - a morphing state - this is a state enhanced by you.

National Security Hotline 1800 123 400

If you see something unusual or suspicious, use your judgement. If it doesn't add up, ring us.

The appearance of the MV Tampa on the political horizon has the Australian Government – themselves the direct ancestors of this country's first 'boat people' – reverting to colonial tradition, by initiating the notion of modern day penal colonies in the Asia-Pacific.

STARTING TO GET SUSPICIOUS.

Early 19th century engraving of the interior of a convict ship.

Australian Aboriginal tent embassy established in The Hague

The Aboriginal tent embassy from Canberra, Australia, has established an office in the Hague, the Netherlands, in preparation for a case in the World Court over the stealing of sovereign Aboriginal lands in Australia.

A delegation led by internationally renowned Aboriginal land rights activist, and Wiradjuri custodian, Isabell Coe, will be visiting the British and Australian consulates in the Hague to deliver the first documents to formalise the protocol required to start this unique and historical World Court action.

"We have been to the highest courts in Australia over genocide and our sovereign land rights and there has been no justice. The courts of Australia have said that our sovereignty can only be determined by the British courts or the World Court." Isabell Coe said. The Aboriginal tent embassy will also be preparing a draft document that will be signed by every Aboriginal sovereign nation in Australia, which will state that they did not sign or cede their sovereign rights over to the British when they invaded over two hundred years ago.

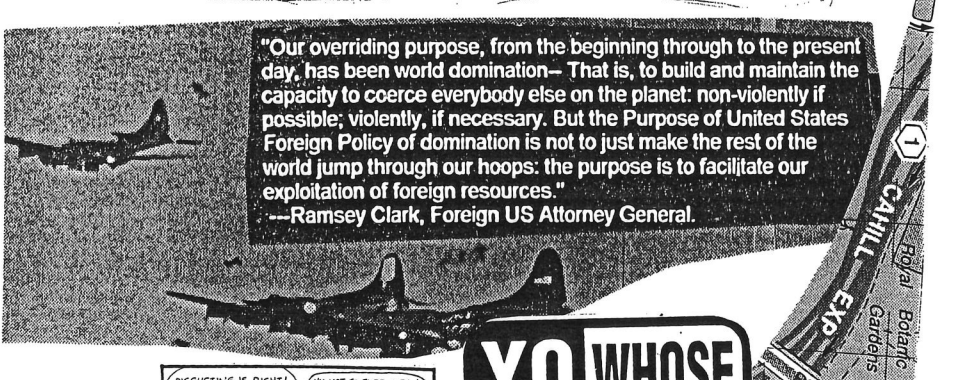
SYSTEM: CORRUPT

We are atomised, tribalised, in our little cells and circles, groups and gatherings, cults and collectives.

This fourth world war uses what we call 'destruction', territories are destroyed and depopulated. At the point at which war is waged, land must be destroyed, turned into desert. Not out of a zeal for destruction, but in order to rebuild and reorder it. What is the primary problem confronted by this unipolar world in globalising itself? Nation states, resistances, cultures,, each nations means of relating, that which makes them different. How is it possible for the village to be global and for everyone to be equal when there are so many differences? When we say that is necessary to destroy Nation States and turn them into deserts, it does not mean doing away with the peoples' way of being. After destroying one must rebuild. Rebuild the territories and give them another place. The place that the laws of the market determine. this is what is driving globalization."

'the problem is, what territories are being conquered and reorganized, and who is the enemy? Given that the previous enemy has disappeared, we are saying that humanity is now the enemy. The Fourth world war is destroying humanity as globalization is universalizing the market, and everything human that opposes the logic of the market is an enemy and must be destroyed. In this sense we are all the enemy to be vanquished: indigenous, non-indigenous, human rights observers, teachers, intellectuals, and artists. Anyone who believes themselves to be free and is not.

(Sub Commander Marcos of the Zapatista Peoples Army source A-infos)


"Our overriding purpose, from the beginning through to the present day, has been world domination– That is, to build and maintain the capacity to coerce everybody else on the planet: non-violently if possible; violently, if necessary. But the Purpose of United States Foreign Policy of domination is not to just make the rest of the world jump through our hoops: the purpose is to facilitate our exploitation of foreign resources."
---Ramsey Clark, Foreign US Attorney General.
CAHILL EXP
Royal Botanic Gardens

DISGUSTING IS RIGHT! AND YET SOMEHOW APT! FOR AFTER ALL AREN'T WE ALL JUST A BUNCH OF BURGERS IN THIS SOCIETY?
I'M NOT SO SURE, MEL! THAT'S WHAT "THEY" WOULD LIKE US TO THINK OF COURSE... BUT JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME I SMELL A WIENER!

YO WHOSE PIPELINE ARE YOU SUCKING?

Information War

CHAOS: THE BROADSHEETS OF ONTOLOGICAL ANARCHISM
(Dedicated to Ustad Mahmud Ali Abd al-Khabir)

Hakim Bey

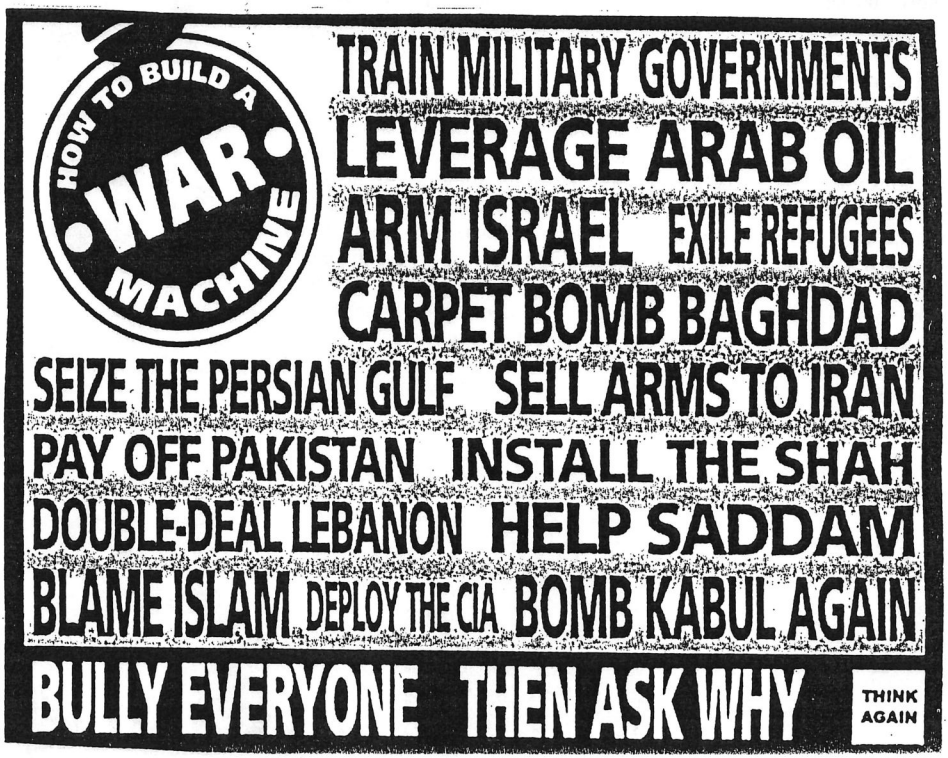
Chaos
CHAOS NEVER DIED. Primordial uncarved block, sole worshipful monster, inert & spontaneous, more ultraviolet than any mythology (like the shadows before Babylon), the original undifferentiated oneness-of-being still radiates serene as the black pennants of Assassins, random & perpetually intoxicated.

Chaos comes before all principles of order & entropy, it's neither a god nor a maggot, its idiotic desires encompass & define every possible choreography, all meaningless aethers & phlogistons: its masks are crystallizations of its own facelessness, like clouds.

Everything in nature is perfectly real including consciousness, there's absolutely nothing to worry about. Not only have the chains of the Law been broken, they never existed; demons never guarded the stars, the Empire nevergot started, Eros never grew a beard.

No, listen, what happened was this: they lied to you, sold you ideas of good & evil, gave you distrust of your body & shame for your prophethood of chaos, invented words of disgust for your molecular love, mesmerized you with inattention, bored you with civilization & all its usurious emotions.

There is no becoming, no revolution, no struggle, no path; already you're the monarch of your own skin--your inviolable freedom waits to be completed only by the love of other monarchs: a politics of dream, urgent as the blueness of sky.

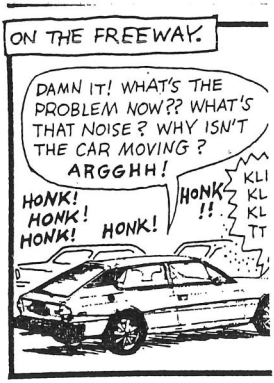

HOW TO BUILD A WAR MACHINE
TRAIN MILITARY GOVERNMENTS
LEVERAGE ARAB OIL
ARM ISRAEL EXILE REFUGEES
CARPET BOMB BAGHDAD
SEIZE THE PERSIAN GULF SELL ARMS TO IRAN
PAY OFF PAKISTAN INSTALL THE SHAH
DOUBLE-DEAL LEBANON HELP SADDAM
BLAME ISLAM DEPLOY THE CIA BOMB KABUL AGAIN
BULLY EVERYONE THEN ASK WHY
THINK AGAIN

borders and control

FOR MORE DETAIL SEE MAP H

We are told, "we should decide who enters our country". Governments claim control over their borders. Yet while most of the world's people may not move freely across international borders, every day trillions of dollars cross the world's borders without any trouble at all. We are constantly reminded by the media, government and business that this is all part of that great wonder of modern society; globalization. This magical process makes us ever more 'networked' and 'interconnected' with the rest of the world. We can get are gratification instantly now – and not just from the local video shop or deli – but direct from Bombay, Moscow or Detroit. This 'corporate' vision of globalization doesn't really want the borders to go. For every new 'information superhighway' that is built a 'human super-barbed wire fence' goes up as well. This is not by accident or because your fridge magnet say's there may be terrorists lurking in the hull of leaky boat, it's because the corporate vision of globalization needs people to be kept in their place. By taking advantage peoples immobility today's global corporate world can pick and choose its operations by playing of countries against each other. Since people are not free to move companies can force countries into a race to the bottom. "We can't afford a minimum wage, it would cost jobs", "We can't afford public health-care, we need to cut corporate tax rates so that foreign investors can build sweat shops in our country."

In Australia we live in a consumerist ivory tower. It's easy; you put on your favorite t-shirt – hand made by Indonesian sweat shop labor – you buy your self a chocolate bar – harvested buy child slave labor somewhere in Africa you've never herd of – you fill up your car with petrol – as luck would have it, your government is just about to conveniently gain access to oil fields in Iraq thanks to a large scale, US lead, corporate takeover – You never have to think about how you get what you have. Borders that block people are there to maintain inequality and stop true globalization from happening. Who benefits from borders? Business; by keeping us powerless to the global corporate money system which takes advantage of our isolation from each other. The Media; who get to scare us all with stories about how evil those that 'aren't like us' are. Dictators; not just the toe rag from Texas in the white house, but dictators who violate even the most basic human rights and get away with it because the world's borders help keep their 'citizen's' trapped and unable to let rest of the world hear their stories. Governments; who need the world's system borders to justify their existence. Without frontiers their would be no point to many of the things our governments did, whole new ways to govern would have to be found and many would loose the power and influence they now have. Some funny old man once said " we will decide who comes to this country", what he really meant is 'we, the powerful voices, that is, will keep the people of the world isolated and misinformed, fearful of each other, and alienated from a truly global vision of humanity. We will do this so that our power, influence and financial gain shall not be challenged.'



DEMAND PEACE

CAR = OIL
OIL = WAR

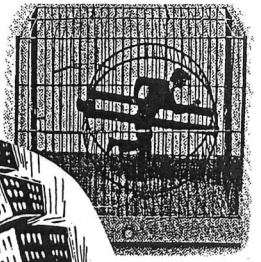
WILL YOU KILL FOR YOUR CAR?

RECLAIM THE STREETS

"Without Truth, you are the Looser."
-graffito on Lisbon wall, Christmas 2001

defending the white picket fence

as they say, in a society that abolishes adventure (or packages it & tries to sells it back with the fun gone), the only adventure we've got is abolishing that society. play nice now...



End capitalism — end war

If you hope to oppose war without opposing the system that gives rise to it, you'll be demonstrating for a long time

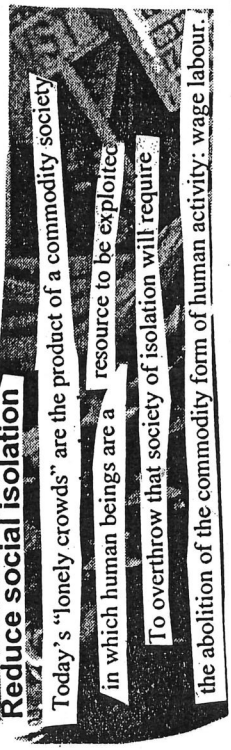
Direct action gets the goods

A community in which people direct their own activities and look out for each other does not need a prison or factory built in it to "create jobs." A community of people who share their own channels of communication are not at the mercy of any corporate media version of "truth." A community of people who make their own music and art and organize their own social events would never settle for the paralyzing spectacle of MTV, let alone computer dating services and pornography. A community of people who know each other's histories and understand each other's needs can work through conflicts without any need for interference from uniformed strangers with guns. The extent to which we can create these communities is the extent to which we can solve the problems we face today, and no legislation or charity will do this for us.

A capitalist society is a war-prone society, in that it demands perpetual conflict between rival states over markets, raw material sources, trade routes and investment outlets. You can't have capitalism without wars, the threat of war and the preparations for war.

So if you're only demonstrating against war, then take my advice and invest in a sturdy anti-war banner, for if you are prepared to oppose war without opposing the very system that gives rise to it, then you'll be demonstrating for quite some time to come. Alternatively you can join the movement which believes that to end wars we must put an end to capitalism. An uphill struggle? Less than campaigning to end war against the backdrop of the profit system.

We must unite to establish a world community without frontiers where all the resources of the planet would be at the disposal of all the people of the planet. Then we could use them to end world poverty, hunger and preventable disease once and for all and rapidly move towards applying the principle "from each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs", ensuring that no man, woman or child anywhere on Earth goes without adequate food, clothing, shelter or other amenities. A world where wars and weapons of mass destruction would be things of the past.


Reduce social isolation
Today's "lonely crowds" are the product of a commodity society
in which human beings are a resource to be exploited
To overthrow that society of isolation will require
the abolition of the commodity form of human activity: wage labour.
CAPITALISM IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH

According to Amnesty International 1 in every 115 people on earth are refugees. The impending US-led war for control of the oil reserves in Iraq war will create many more refugees, people for whom there are no 'queues' to join, and who may therefore face detention upon arrival in Australia. There are already over 1100 people in immigration detention centres across Australia, including 470 at Villawood. These detainees are increasingly driven to acts of rebellion and desperation by the conditions in which they are forced to live.

BE A GOOD CITIZEN

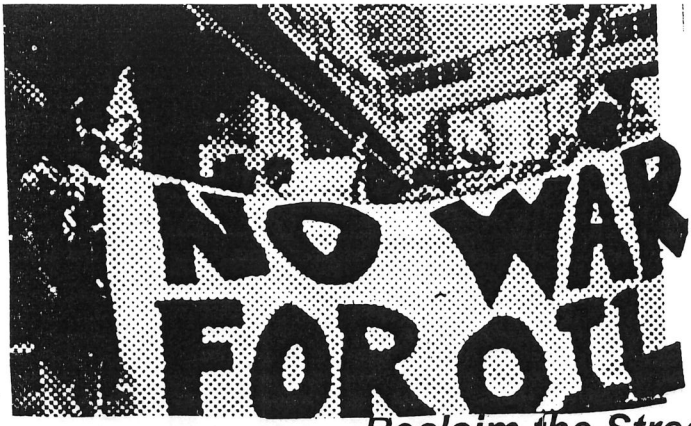
SHAVE OFF THAT BEARD

TRY TO FIT IN

PLEASE.....NO BOMBS!

Resisting Sadness ↑ ↑ ↑ ↗ social and individual sadness wears us down and convinces us that we no longer have the means of living a true life, and so we submit to the order and discipline of survival. The tyrant needs the sadness, because in that way each one of us is isolated in his own small, virtual and disturbing world.

Breaking the isolation, creating solidarity, is the beginning of a commitment, of an activism that no longer operates "against," but rather "for" life, happiness, through the liberation of potency.



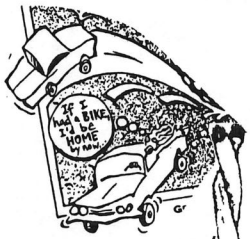
Reclaim the Streets....

The last 3 street festivals Sydney has seen.

March 22nd2002 - In a mobile RTS, heaps –1000? Left Darlinghurst's Green Park and stopped in Oxford Street and blocked both sides for about 2 hours. Oxford street is a choice road to close, especially with a hundred toys on rope, which were the cutest traffic blocker ever seen.

Then the three mobile soundsystems ended up on George Street where it met up with an Active Sydney fair, featuring stalls from different community organisations, ending there at about 9PM, with films and the Labrats and friends playing in Town Hall Square. Shoppers we stunned and performances, chalking and much fun was had, and one minor-ish scuffle.

Moment: Someone found a bunch of foam pigs nearby and bought them back and played with them infront of the police, police horses etc, matching the 'line of toys' in front of the 8 horses, and the overall feeling of the day.



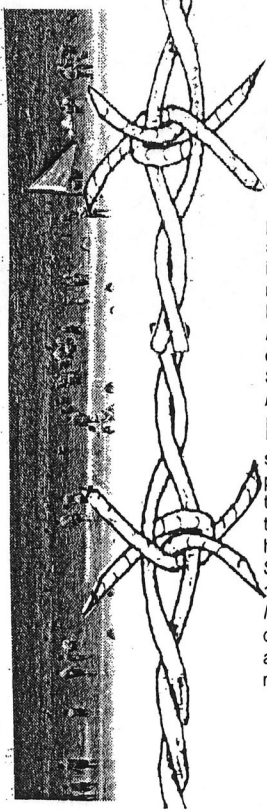
November 2nd 2002. Almost a thousand people took the t-intersection of Pitt and Market streets in the heart of the CBD, as Sydney prepared to protest the World Trade Organisation which was having an 'informal meeting' for two days surrounded by a cop army. The police were caught off guard and 4 PA systems shook the city as hundreds of tourists and shoppers stood in amusement/shock/bewilderment.

The roads were chalked and the luxury cars filtering out of the Hilton Hotel car park needed a police escort to edge through the crowds, as humor and free space was reintroduced to the city. The police edged the crowd off the road when it was dark at about 8pm. They arrested about 5 people and were rough and nasty tools of power. Two humans were injured and the crowd dispersed from Hyde Park after dancing there for hours.

Moment: As flags and banners were all over Pitt street and two hundred people danced on the (Free) Market street, the old ska song 'madness' came on the PA. Shoppers were seen *still pressing the button to cross the road when it was fully blocked by crowds and barriers with an outer layer of cops.*

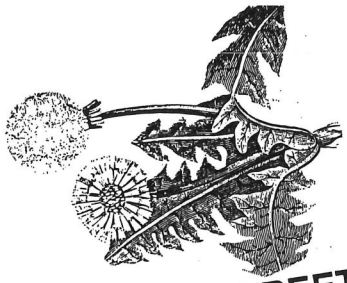
Feburary 15th. The day before the massive march in the city, somewhere from 300 to 500 people gathered near the war memorial in Hyde park and set off away from the city and marched slowly up Oxford street and to the Army Barracks in Surry Hills. The police were a bit edgy and they expected the crowd to vacate the road. When the PA systems music hit the crowd however, the numbers dictated that we had the power to take half the road, and Sydney's cars would travel on the other half. So three systems played a variety of music and the crowd had a good day in the sun in military costume.

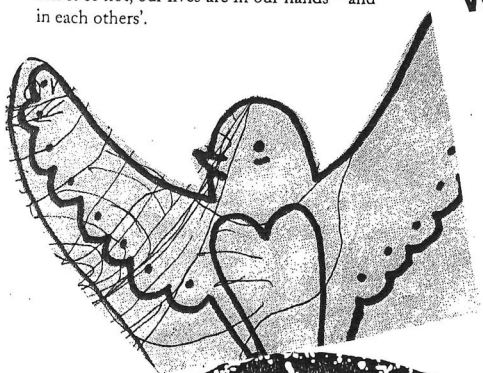
Moment: At 5PM when the crowd was making its way back down Oxford st to disperse safely in the city, (see the lesson learnt from the cops doing dodgy stuff at night when people are more isolated.) someone found the siren sound on a megaphone, and a hundred people dropped to the ground in a die-in, right in the middle of an intersection. The cop in charge was heard asking why 'they always do that kind of shit in bloody intersections!'. Im sure he will learn.



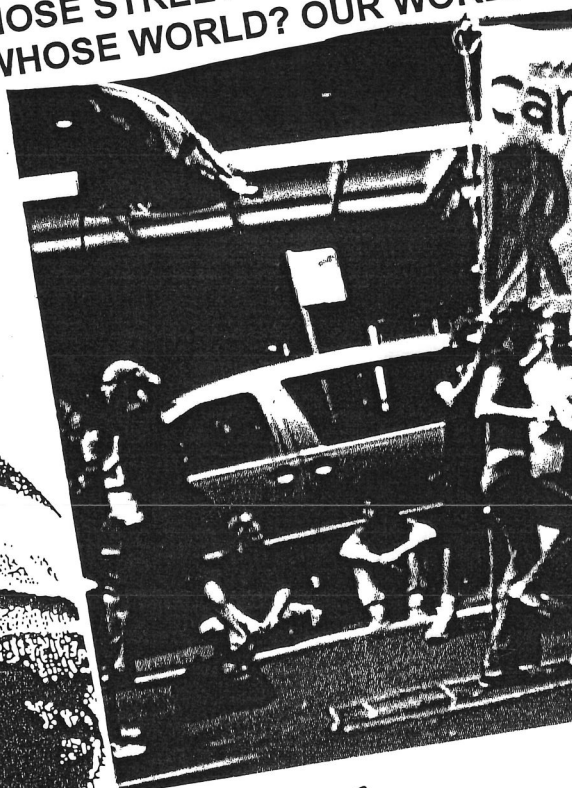
But the way of life we all value so highly must go on. Australians are friendly, decent, democratic people, and we're going to stay that way.

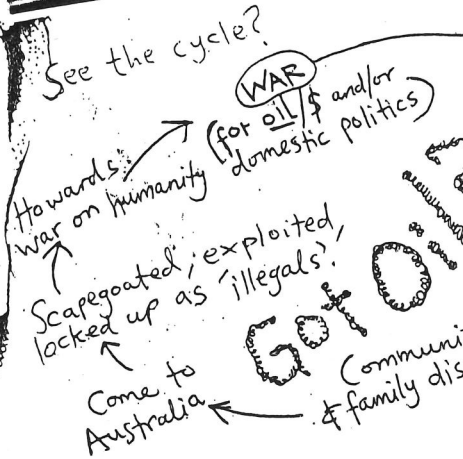
So how will the anarchist utopia work? That's a question we'll never again be duped into disputing over, a *red* herring if there ever was one! This isn't a utopian vision, or a program or ideal to serve; it's simply a way of proceeding, of approaching relationships, of dealing with problems now—for surely we'll never be entirely through dealing with problems! Being an anarchist doesn't mean believing anarchy, let alone anarchism, can fix everything—it just means acknowledging it's up to *us* to work things out, that no one and nothing else can do this for us: admitting that, like it or not, our lives are in our hands—and in each others'.





WHOSE STREETS? OUR STREETS!
WHOSE WORLD? OUR WORLD!





NO WAR

In a warm up for the World Trade Org. protests, about 100 people reclaimed Pitt & Market street. Despite the cops turning nastier at the end of the day when it got dark, a great day was had, with the Hilton Hotel carpark being blocked as a nice bonus. March 29 2003 next stop!
The Kangaroo

And, if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.

—Howard Zinn, *You Can't Be Neutral On A Moving Train*

Chomsky

Exerpted from an email interview With Noam Chomsky about US Warplans by Michael Albert

What is driving the dogs of war in the Bush Administration's Iraqi policy?

This is something to speculate about. We don't have the internal documentary evidence yet. Let's just label this as speculation. The claim is that Saddam Hussein is such a threat to the security of the U.S. and other countries that we can't let him survive. We have to destroy him by a preemptive strike. This raises obvious questions. When did he become such a threat? Notice this comes after September 11. There wasn't a call to invade Iraq two years ago. Something must have happened that made him a terrible threat. Is he more dangerous than two years ago. Even with all the effort, nothing has been found to link Hussein to September 11. This is not surprising because Saddam and bin Laden have been enemies for years. There is no reason to believe that has changed. However if there are any links, they're going to be much harder to maintain after September 11 than before, for the simple reason of mass surveillance. That's only the beginning. In 1990, Saddam Hussein was a far greater threat that today. Remember all his major crimes were behind him. The gassing of the Kurds, the Iran-Iraqi war, torture, and other crimes. He was a first class world gangster and far more powerful than he is now. Furthermore he was developing weapons of mass destruction at a time when his reach was far greater than it is now Since that time, Iraq bombed and devastated and it has been subjected to more than a decade of severe sanctions. These have reduced it's capacity to carry out aggression. It's subject to over-flights. Regular bombing controls a good part of the country.

What was he doing when he was really dangerous? Bob Dole, the former presidential candidate, now calls for Congressional support for an attack. What was Dole doing when he was really dangerous? He visited Saddam Hussein. In the spring of 1990, he led a delegation sent by George Bush I to convey greetings to him and inform him that the person who had criticized him over the Voice of America was being removed because he was stepping out of line.

Right through his worst atrocities, the US and Britain were providing Iraq with lavish aid. Iraq was a major trading partner. They were providing him with the means to develop weapons of mass destruction, including chemical weapons and nuclear weapons, and missile systems. There was no secret about who he was. There was a time when Saddam Hussein was dangerous, had committed major crimes, and was capable of committing much worse ones, and those who are now saying he is too dangerous to exist

The crimes that are correctly charged to Saddam like using chemical weapons against his own people - can't be the reason for war now, because when he was doing it, the U.S. was supporting him, knowingly. So what are the reasons for war now?

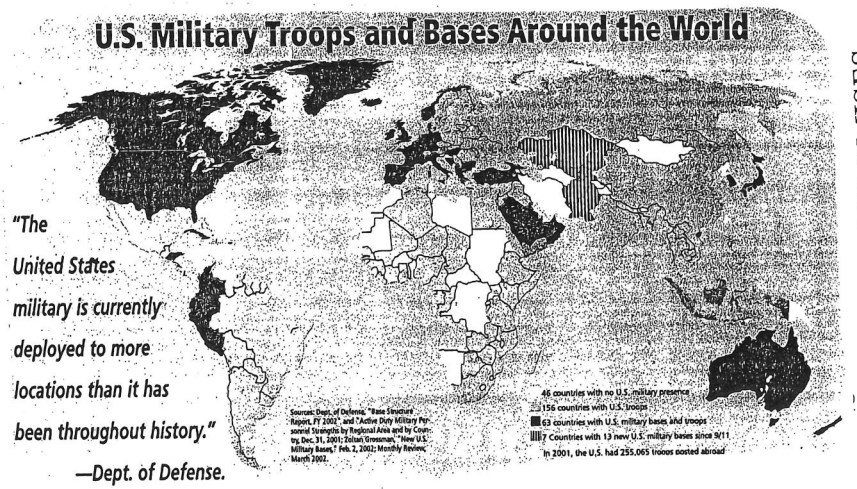
Here we have to speculate. There are two plausible answers. First, the U.S. is trying to show its muscle, and it doesn't care much what happens to the people of the region. It's called establishing credibility. We have to show we're going to run the world, and if anyone gets out of line, we'll smash them. We have the power to do it, and we'll do it.

Second, there are also domestic reasons. It's not much of a secret that the Bush administration is carrying out a substantial assault against the general population here, particularly against future generations. The huge tax cuts for the rich, which mainly come on line after the next election, could be a very serious blow to the American people. The huge deficit is pretty much replaying what happened in the 1980s. The goal is to make it impossible to provide services for the general population like medical care, Social Security, infrastructure development, or protection of the environment.. This ensures that the administration serves even more intensively than the norm. That's happening all across the board, and the last thing they want people to do is pay attention to it. How do you do that? Here a variant of what Goering said is more accurate. The way to keep people from paying attention is to frighten them. If people are in fear, huddling under protection of the savior, maybe they won't pay too much attention to what's being done to them. That means constant war.

The president has made it clear. His speech writers have made it very clear. A couple of weeks ago, he said that the war is on terror, but we're fighting endless wars. We can't say how many countries we're going to have to attack in this war on terror because there are potential threats everywhere. That's true. There are serious potential threats right here is the U.S., for example. Take the anthrax attack. In November and December that was considered a much more serious threat than September 11. . . . [Eventually] the anthrax attack was localized to a federal lab in the U.S . . . So, by their reasoning we should bomb the U.S. If you want to rid the world of potential threats, you'll have to destroy the world. If you want to be serious about reducing potential threats, not just working for power interests, what you'll do is look into the causes and reasons for terrorism, and try and deal with those. The correct response to a terrorist attack is not to lash out and murder people, but try to learn what lies behind it, and deal with the causes.

POST-9/11 WAR ABROAD TIMELINE

Sept. 11, 2001	Sept. 15	Oct. 7	Jan. 11, 2002	Jan. 29	March 9	April 20	June 1	July 1	July 5	August
errorist attacks kill 3,047 eople from 62 countries. President Bush declares rmanent war on terrorism."	Congress grants Bush broad war powers.	United States begins bombing Afghanistan.	U.S. Special Forces arrive in the Philippines.	Bush denounces North Korea, Iraq and Iran as an "axis of evil."	Press reveals Bush's new nuclear policy of first strikes.	Massive anti-war demonstrations held in San Francisco and Washington, D.C.	Bush announces illegal policy of pre-emptive military first strikes, targets 60 countries.	U.S. air assaults kill at least 48 Afghans at a wedding in Afghanistan.	Press reports administration plan to invade Iraq with 250,000 troops.	Top military and Republican leaders publicly oppose Bush's Iraq invasion plans.


U.S. Military Troops and Bases Around the World
"The United States military is currently deployed to more locations than it has been throughout history."
—Dept. of Defense.
Sources: Dept. of Defense, "Base Structure Report, FY 2002," and "Active Duty Military Personnel Strengths by Regional Area and by Country, Dec. 31, 2001; Zoltan Grossman, "New U.S. Military Bases," Feb. 2, 2002; Monthly Review, March 2002.
46 countries with no U.S. military presence
156 countries with U.S. troops
63 countries with U.S. military bases and troops
7 countries with 13 new U.S. military bases since 9/11
In 2001, the U.S. had 255,065 troops posted abroad

CRAP, LIES, FALSE PROMISES AND SHALLOW EXPECTATIONS

So what is Baxter? BAXTER 2003

Baxter is the Department of Immigration's newest detention facility located at Port Augusta in South Australia.

It is a high security facility encircled by 2.8km of electrified fencing pumping 9000 volts that triggers an alarm if touched from the inside. There is also a fence around each compound with a "no-go" zone guarded by a microwave sensor that activates security cameras and alarms when breached. There are nine compounds,

Within each compound all of the buildings face inwards – there are no outer wall windows. Detainees can only see the sky and the grass - they cannot see anything outside the compound! With this panopticon design, the intention is that these compounds will cause depression and deep psychological disturbance.

- People detained in Department of Immigration detention centres are **not criminals**, they are people seeking asylum from persecution in their own countries. Many are still having their cases for asylum reviewed whilst under appeal and this can take months, if not years. Appeals are necessary because **the refugee determination process breaches international law**.
- Australian Correctional Management (ACM) runs the facility like a **maximum-security private prison**. It is not a "five-star asylum" as claimed by the Daily Telegraph last year.
- **Children are detained** in Baxter and they are presently not being provided with any formal education, even though there is an education facility on-site.
- There is a **policy of isolation**. People have been put into the "separation area" for asking to see a friend in another compound.
- There is a **policy of violence** towards detainees. An ACM guard was recently sacked for not using a baton on detainees. After the recent fires at Baxter tear gas was used twice on detainees, on one occasion after a frustrated group had packed their bags, and marched to the centre's office saying they were ready to be sent home.
- The fires in the Baxter centre over the New Year that were reported to have been deliberately lit by detainees have since been shown to be mainly electrical fires. However these fires were used as a ploy to **vilify and criminalise detainees.**

TOGETHER WE CAN SHUT DOWN THE CAMPS

statement of the still imprisoned noborder nonation activists

Sun, 5 Aug 2001 14:42:20 -0400 (EDT) >www.noborder.org/noprison
> info@noborder.org

this is a text written in the jail in alessandria. its autorized from all the imprisoned aktivists of the PublixTheatreCarwan in the jails of alessandria and voghera ...

"freedom of movement" is the main concern of the european NOborder-network and the Publixtheatrecaravan - Volxtheaterkarawane which is embedded in the network in the summer of 2001.

We are on tour from Nickelsdorf over Salzburg, Lendava (Slo), Eisenkappel (A), Genova (I) to Frankfurt/Main (D), where we never arrived because of our arrests after the G8-summit in Genua. Tourdiary: http://www.no-racism.net/noborder/tour

So far we felt like air castles builder, cyberartists, jugglers and scrutinizing nomads. As a theatregroup we feel obliged to the tradition of improvisation and we dont let put ourselves in costumes which try to knit makeup out of woolen hats.

About our arrestment:  3 hours in front of shtoguns and MG4's pointing on us - finger on the trigger  records about us were made by the italian police - hittings, kickings and humiliations  no sleep (under threats)

Later (after 30 hours) in prison:

- no telephone calls
- until now nearly no contact to lawyers
- bad interpreters (during the time while they proved the reasons for our arrestments)
- no access to media
- for six days nothing to write
- nektor, z nas nemali ziaden kontakt s konzulatum
- nothing to read or juggle

Although we have been split - without reason - from the arrested women, from the outside world and therefore from information we try to take a stand with following demands:

- Our protest and our political claim
- no matter which time and which place - will carry our specific cultural expression which we will develope
- we demand to stop the classification of people in "wanted" and "unwanted" and the stop of the restriction of the freedom of the movement like f.e. the duty of residence for people seeking for asylum or the producing of lists about political unwelcomed people.
- we demand the stop of all proceedings concerning the G8-protests and the freedom for all prisoners who were arrested because of G8-protests and the solving of the happenings in Genua in particular the death of Carlos Giuliani and the storming of "Scuola Diaz"
- we want to leave the prisons together with our dog Pogo, with our theatre props, our kitchen, our vehicles, computer, cameras and our stinkin' socks.

We are not swedes, australians, americans, slovacians, germans, austrians - we are Publixtheatrecaravan

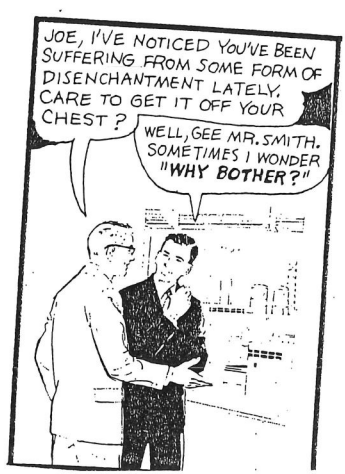
We work out a play in which we take a stand to everything that happened

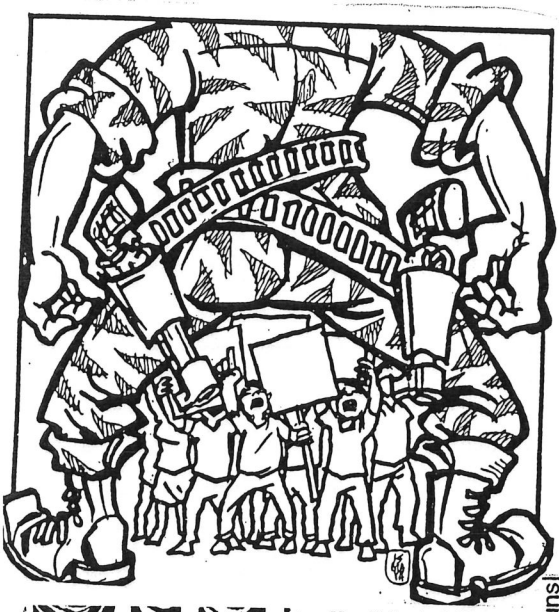
We are living here we are living here we are living here we are living here we are making this world, we are making this world, we are making this world.

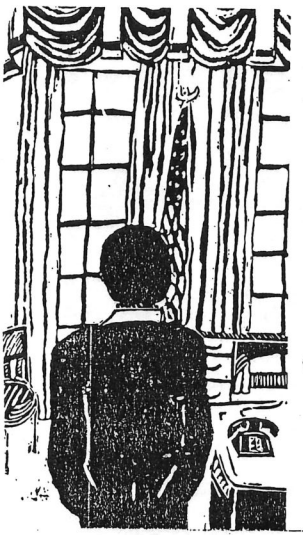
The under-economy is organized around two kinds of sacrifice, both of which have specific material and hyperreal effects in the over-economy: One is guided by the principle of excess, the other by the principle of autonomy. Sacrifice under the sign of excess is connected to two key economic processes—the production of more than is needed on one hand, and the consumption of more than is needed on the other. To achieve this state of excessive overproduction/overconsumption, considerable numbers of citizens and aliens alike must be maimed and killed. For example, consider the use of gasoline vehicles, which most regard as an indispensable right. In light of this context, a minority political contingent claimed that the sacrifice of lives during the Gulf War was necessary to provide the western war machine with a secure supply of fuel, and to ensure that first world citizens could fuel their cars at a reasonable cost.

the second variety of sacrifice, that which is guided by the principle of autonomy. This type of sacrifice, especially when visible, is evidently abhorrent to all political positions except the radical left (unlike sacrifice for excess, which is acceptable to all except the radical left). For those who occupy this lonely political position, sacrifice is an unfortunate but necessary consequence of the liberation of desire, a compromise which must be accepted as part of the responsibilities of freedom. For the greater the autonomy given individuals, the greater the sacrifice required. Death and autonomy (that is, the expression of desire) are inherently linked. Such sacrifices as these revolve around the ability to give, control, and take life at an individual level. Desire can take any emotional form, and it is difficult to accurately predict how it will manifest in action. A possibility always exists that the action will be violent, and hence actively connected with mortality. There is a high degree of emergent uncertainty associated with nonrational activity, and this tends to produce great anxiety; when reminders of our own mortality begin to surface, and the economy of sacrifice becomes more visible, hysteria and panic are typically not far behind. The alternative to facing up to this form of sacrifice and the discomfort of uncertainty has traditionally been the surrender of individual sovereignty to the state apparatus, which is entrusted to legislate what forms of social action will be acceptable. The greater the fear of this form of sacrifice, the more homogenous and repressed the social action required to allay the fear.

While working in a building downtown I spotted an Earthday lobby display on, "What you can do to save the environment" which suggested, "Buy a fuel-efficient car and keep it tuned. Combine trips and drive as little as possible." Nice, but it falls short, and timidity has never saved the world. The only acceptable advice is,"don't drive. *Ever.*"


JOE, I'VE NOTICED YOU'VE BEEN SUFFERING FROM SOME FORM OF DISENCHANTMENT LATELY. CARE TO GET IT OFF YOUR CHEST ?
WELL, GEE MR. SMITH. SOMETIMES I WONDER "WHY BOTHER?"





He calls for the daily paper to check the opinion polls. Looking through this filter at his subjects, he sees what he is looking for, not who he is looking at. Thousands of stealth bombers, tens of thousands of soldiers, hundreds of thousands of tons of bombs and bullets protect the emperor from his empire. Let's hope it's not enough.

DIRECT ACTION

Stated simply, this means acting directly to meet your needs, alone or with others, without looking for a representative, without choosing from the options already set for you. Today the term is commonly applied to efforts to put pressure on governments and corporations with illegal protest tactics (which isn't all that different from voting, or making campaign contributions, conceptually, since you're still concerning yourself with the powers that be...), but it also describes actions that cut out the "middle man" entirely and solve problems directly.

Direct Action, people utilize their own resources and powers, thus discovering what these are and how much they can accomplish.

different groups can apply different approaches according to what they believe in and feel comfortable doing, which can still interact to form a mutually beneficial whole

26. **Australasian Correctional Management:** (runs detention centres & private prisons): lvl 18, National Mutual Centre, 44 Market st

taking action living our lives

Talking about direct action at the detention center, We wondered who we were acting for? Them or us? An age old question I 'spos. I thought we had argued long enough to agree to disagree. But the people on the inside are not one unanimous group either. It reminded me of some words from a guy in Curtin detention camp. He was writing to say thanks for some letters I sent and saying he understood I had my own life to live. Work, uni, whatever.

Theres all that buddhist stuff about putting nirvana off unitl everyone else can come to the party- but what he was saying is 'if I wasn't locked up I'd be doing my thing, whatever it was.' – life. That's the whole point. These guys in the camps Just want to get on with their lives. Some will be activists, some will be lawyers, some will probably even Vote liberal. Not all would support direct action. Some might weigh up the good and the bad of direct actions at Woomera, at Villawood , at Baxter and decide against it. (but also some will be and <u>are</u> in favour) You do what you feel is right. Its an individual choice, that you decide for each individual situation. Everything has good and bad No action will have perfrect outcomes. The thing that's important is to be clear about why youre there and not blind to how things really are and might turn out.

"Stop the Violence"? Policing the antiglobalization movement - Anarchy #52 editorial Fall/Winter 2001-2002

the people who occupy positions of official power in government don't generally get there by practicing honesty, sensitivity, justice and nonviolence; they get there by giving exactly what is demanded to the large corporations, powerful institutions and rich families who bought their elections (or otherwise installed them in power). This means that from the minute the first radical activist even thought about protesting global summits, there were already teams of intelligence agents, secret police (FBI, CIA, DIA, BATF, etc.) and local red squads at work to defend their masters. Most of these agents and police carry deadly weapons for a good reason-they are ready to imprison or kill anyone who threatens the status quo of concentrated political power, concentrated wealth, concentrated media, the corporate rape of the earth for the extraction of resources, industrial production and consumption, wage slavery and submission to law.

So who are always the first people to call out to those who protest to "Stop the Violence!"? Is it the people who are being assaulted and beaten by cops, gassed with chemical weapons, shot with "non-lethal" as well as deadly weapons? The people who are suffering the brunt of the violence? Of course not. This call almost always comes from those who support the great mass of violence that is always aimed at the protestors by police, their provocateurs and other government-controlled armed forces. All the opponents of antiglobalization protests are quite happy and eager to join in calls to stop the violence of both already self-proclaimed "non-violent" protestors as well as of those protestors who reserve the power to fight back in self-defense when attacked, herded or corralled by cops. At the same time, the ubiquitous police violence remains invisible to these people. Why is this?

State authorities, corporate leaders and their bought-&-paid-for mass media have one major aim-to hobble, confuse, and eventually disperse and destroy the current antiglobalization upsurge. Their range of tactics will include anything that works without causing too many other problems for them. This means that police violence and judicial repression, along with lies and the sowing of mass confusion will remain their favored set of weapons. Since the truth about capitalism and globalization is their enemy, they will make every effort to obscure it. And since an informed, concerned, and active populace is also their enemy, they will take every opportunity to intimidate, harass, beat, jail and terrorize protestors whenever they can get away with it.

This means one thing above all others for those sympathetic with the aims of antiglobalization protests: Anyone who calls on antiglobalization

testors to "Stop the Violence!" without much more pointedly and vocally alling for an end to violence by cops is playing into the hands of the cops, their governmental masters, and the corporate mass media.

The more liberal arm of the establishment, corporate media will rarely fail to encourage and praise the liberal, progressive and pacifist globalization-reform elements for their "responsibility" (read: "ineffectiveness at fundamentally challenging the powers-that-be"), while demonizing the radical anticapitalists among antiglobalization protestors. This is obviously because the liberal arm of the corporate media understands the importance of recuperating radical resistance. The more conservative arm of the mass media, like the "bad cop" of the "good" and "bad cop" routine, will generally denounce any protestors anywhere who aren't explicitly demanding more power to the corporations and state.

Thus, the liberal media will always eat up statements like that of Anne Summers, the international board chair of Greenpeace, who wrote in the Sydney Morning Herald (7/23/01) that "...the violent part of the [antiglobalization] movement is to be condemned," even as she expressed (what she obviously considers an uncontroversial opinion) that people should seriously consider the criticisms of the antiglobalization movement by Henry Kissinger (a man responsible for nothing less than mass murder in a number of countries!).

Any genuine movement criticisms of protest violence must always be framed in the explicit context of the condemnation of the (always much more brutal and illegitimate) violence of the forces of state and corporate repression.

There is more than one way to create an elite. Ruling classes, intellectual classes and aesthetic classes create an artificial inaccessibility of their power, knowledge and skills to "the rabble" to reinforce their position. On the other hand, self-proclaimed "class-conscious" radical activists deny themselves access to knowledge, necessary and well-honed analytical skills which are readily accessible, in order to prove their "class purity" or some such nonsense, and, by their absurd self-denial, create an involuntary elite of those radicals who are unwilling to impoverish themselves in this way.

Many...anarchists are actually leftist or liberal libertarians or, in some cases, simply angry people who still "think" in terms of the images created by the social context, trapping their thought within society's discourse. Until one gets beyond this discourse, thinking outside of its categories, one's rebellion remains part of the structures of authority. Most anarchists are content with society's discourse, happily creating an "anarchy" that is thoroughly unchallenging, mild-mannered, tame and palatable - all in the name of "education" and "action." Kinky Kinky Anarchists

Public Protests 'Banned'

Another central tenet of the police's media strategy surrounding the no-WTO demonstrations was the idea that the protests were 'banned'. This idea of 'illegal' protest was widely reported in the media and raised in NSW Parliament prior to and during the protests of 14 & 15 November.

For example, a Reuters international news article declared that "Australian police have banned protest marches in Sydney, fearing violence at this week's informal World Trade Organisation (WTO) mini-summit". The Sydney Morning Herald said of the first day of the protest that "the demonstrations were illegal after they were denied police permits earlier this week", and the Australian newspaper reported that the protests were "deemed illegal because police refused to issue a permit".

., this idea – raised by the Police Minister and the NSW Police – that the no-WTO protests were 'banned' or 'illegal' raises considerable concern. It is the view of the no-WTO Legal Observer Team that protests cannot be 'banned' by NSW Police and that protesters exercising their rights to free assembly cannot be made 'illegal'.

International Law

A right to freedom of peaceful assembly is part of international law under the UN Declaration of Human Rights19 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). 20 The right to engage in participatory democracy "without unreasonable restrictions" is clearly acknowledged by the ICCPR (Article 25).

As Australia is a signatory to the ICCPR, Australian governments are required to comply with its Articles and report to the United Nations (UN) on how it has met its obligations. Since 1991, Australian citizens are also able to complain to the UN Human Rights Committee if their human rights are infringed.[21]

New South Wales Law

NSW law establishes the right to peaceful public assembly as part of Australia's commitment to international law. Under the Summary Offences Act 1988 (NSW), a public assembly in NSW is 'authorised'[22] if a detailed 'notice of intention'[23] has been served on the Commissioner of Police.

No Power to 'Ban' Protests

'authorising' a demonstration under the Summary Offences Act does not give the police the power to 'permit' or 'ban' protests. Despite the repeated and ill-informed assertions by the NSW Police Minister Michael Costa, NSW Police and media in the lead-up to the no-WTO protests, it is not illegal to participate in an 'unauthorised' demonstration.[27] Indeed, if NSW law permitted the banning of the right to demonstrate, Australia would be in breach of its international obligations under the ICCPR.

DANCING IS ILLEGAL
WAR IS AT

Critical Resistance (CR) is a national grassroots group that fights to end the prison industrial complex (PIC) by challenging the belief that policing, surveillance, imprisonment, and similar forms of control make our communities safer. We believe, by contrast, that basic necessities like food, shelter and freedom create the conditions for more genuine forms of security. For that reason, our work involves both relieving the burden of the PIC on the lives of people across the country and empowering those communities that are most directly affected by its intrusions.

From the ministry-for-power-and-knowledge

in the rising power of diffuse intellectuality, diffuse creativity and diffuse resistance, exercised by individuals and collectives creating forms of life (expressive, dietary, passional, urban), bringing forms of social or civil disobedience into play, developing their skills and secreting meaning autonomously, critically.

S/he

is not just there, frozen in a role or trained to seek or desire a particular, normalized possibility, or to choose among such possibilities. Her possibilities are not commodity-possibilities, controlled and rationalized by the capitalist system, but real chances, possible destinies brought into play by the activity of being.

She is the site where we invent ourselves, breaking with any tradition, sovereignty, territory, or ancestry, an endless insurrectional process appropriating only itself in the mode of becoming, of transformation.

HOT DATES

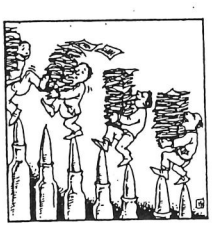
March 23 rd RTS Brisvegas

March 29th RTS Sydney

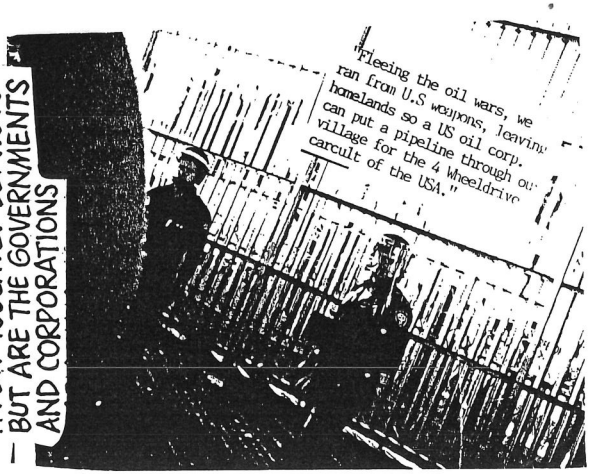
April 5th RTS Newcastle

Easter weekend - Baxter

MEANWHILE, IAMMARE OF THE BAD NEWS, JANE IS AT HER HAIRDRESSER'S.
JANE, I DO HOPE YOU'LL BE THERE ON SUNDAY IN THE 'GAY FREEDOM MARCH.' WHAT RIGHT DOES THAT ANITA BRYANT HAVE TO TELL YOU OR ME WHAT TO DO?
YOU KNOW MIDGE, 'HENRI' HAS A POINT THERE! I THINK I'LL BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO THAT MARCH!
YES, I'LL BE THERE IN THE ANARCHO-FEMINIST CONTINGENT!
BACK HOME, JOE STRIPS THE T.V. FOR PARTS...
I KNOW I CAN GET $2.98 FOR THESE DO-HICKIES AT THE FLEA-MARKET, AND THESE KNOBS WILL MAKE DANDY ROACH-CLIPS!



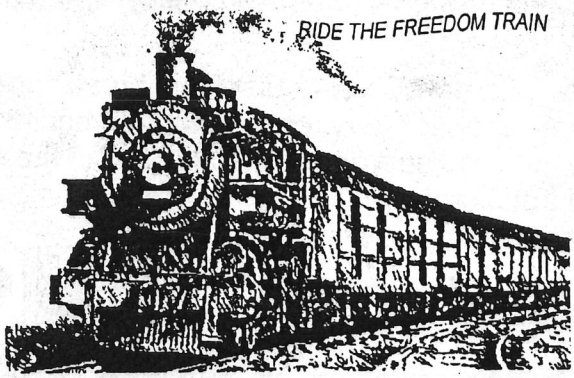
AS IT BECOMES INCREASING CLEAR THAT THE **REAL** TERRORISTS ARE NOT A FEW ISOLATED LEFTISTS – BUT ARE THE GOVERNMENTS AND CORPORATIONS


"Fleeing the oil wars, we ran from U.S weapons, leaving homelands so a US oil corp. can put a pipeline through ou village for the 4 Wheeldrive carcult of the USA."

What's dancing got to do with it? It's a space where people get loose and joyfull, a place where people are disobedient and sexy, a place where people move their bodies in self expression, where we take up space as we like, where there is an unspoken communication, respect and community.

Not the usual round of shopping and driving and going to work.

RECLAIM THE STREETS



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SAT MARCH 29TH

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rts.cat.org.uk

Streets for people. Public space for fun.

Roads full of music, colourfull paint and laughter.....

If we want to break out of the ghetto, we will have to take up the challenge of putting into practice the ideas that most of us defend about the importance of diversity, sacrificing the security, predictability and simplicity that come from relatively closed and homogeneous collective identities.